Claim 10: Line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 9," to --claim 1,--. Claim 11: Line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 9," to --claim 1,--. Claim 12: change "one of the claims 1 to 11," to --claim 1,--. Line 1, Claim 15: delete "or 14". Line 1, Claim 20: delete "or 19". Line 1, Claim 21: Line 1, change "one of claims 17 to 20," to --claim 17,--. Claim 22: change "one of claims 17 to 20," to --claim 17,--. Line 1, Claim 23: change "one of claims 17 to 22," to --claim 17,--. Line 1, Claim 24: change "one of claims 17 to 23," to --claim 17,--. Line 1, Claim 27: delete "or 26" Line 1, Claim 29:

Kindly add the following new claims:

Line 1,

-- 30. The method according to claim 2, characterized by the further step of signalling the adapted spreading factor over the radio link.

change "one of claims 25 to 28," to --claim 25,--.

31. The method according to claim 2, characterized by the further steps of encoding the source signal, prior to modulation, with a forward error correction (FEC) code rate, and adapting the FEC code rate.

- 32. The method according to claim 5, characterized by the further step of signalling the adapted FEC code rate over the radio link.
- 33. The method according to claim 14, characterized in that the determination step includes receiving a transport format indicator indicating the spreading factor and/or FEC code rate.
- 34. The transmitter according to claim 19, characterized by further comprising a multiplexer (14) for inserting a transport format indicator into the signal to be transmitted.
- 35. The transmitter according to claim 18, characterized by further comprising an encoder (11) for encoding the signal from the source (10) with a forward error correction (FEC) code rate and in that the control unit (13) adapts the FEC code rate.
- 36. The transmitter according to claim 18, characterized by further comprising a source encoder (11) with multiple modes which are adjustable by the control unit (13).
- 37. The transmitter according to claim 18, characterized by further comprising power control means (13) for controlling the transmit power in accordance with the adapted spreading factor and/or FEC code rate.
- 38. The transmitter according to claim 18, characterized in that said transmitter is embodied as a base station.